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Sir:

Confirmation of the status of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

On November 26, 1997, the USPTO mailed a communication to Applicants' representative stating that *ex parte* examination was suspended due to a potential interference. The PAIR database refers to a Declaration of Interference dated April 23, 1998, which is believed to include Interference No. 104,192 which involves related Application No. 08/461,402. Applicants believe that *ex parte* prosecution was and remains suspended pending the outcome of the review by the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit of Interference No. 104,192, which review is currently pending.

Applicants would appreciate a confirmation of the current status of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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